

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. They are simply flouting the law for partisan political purposes and counting on the laxity and indifference of the FCC to enable them to get away with it.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sadly, the FCC's record in recent years on this matter has been deficient to the point of gross negligence. I hope this outrage will finally prompt the commission to act in the public interest, rather than the interests of a few large corporations. Thank you.